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MAJOR PROGRAMME I. MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY, DISARMAMENT AND DECOLONIZATION

Programme 7. Disarmament

1. The preparation, format and content of the medium-term plan and its revisions are governed by the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/PPBME Rules/1(1987)).

2. Regulation 3.11 provides, inter alia, that the medium-term plan shall be revised as necessary every two years to incorporate required programme changes and that the proposed revisions shall be as detailed as required to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the intergovernmental organs or international conferences since the adoption of the plan.

3. The revisions proposed below modify the relevant parts of the narrative of programme 7, Disarmament, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, which was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/253 of 21 December 1990 and issued in document A/45/6/Rev.1. The revisions do not reflect a fundamental change in the mandate of the programme. They reflect a modification of the general orientation of the programme and the organizational change arising from the restructuring of the Secretariat.

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* After adoption by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, the complete revised medium-term plan will be issued in final printed form as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/47/6/Rev.1).

4. The following text modifies paragraphs 7.4, 7.19 and 7.24 and footnote 2 of A/45/6/Rev.1.

5. It is proposed to replace "Department for Disarmament Affairs" with "Department of Political Affairs" throughout the narrative of the programme (paras. 7.9, 7.11, 7.18, 7.25 and 7.28).

A. Programme

1. General Orientation

Paragraph 7.4

Replace the last sentence with the following:

"The activities under this programme will be carried out by the Department of Political Affairs."

Insert a new paragraph 7.9 as follows and renumber subsequent paragraphs accordingly:

"7.9. The dramatic changes in the East-West relationship, and the consequent overall improvement in international relations, have resulted in an enhanced role of the United Nations in the field of international security, arms control and disarmament. There has also been a significant shift in emphasis of the issues that require urgent action by the international community. This calls for appropriate adjustments in the work of the Department of Political Affairs with a view (a) to promoting the new role of the Organization in the field of international security, arms control and disarmament; (b) to translating into a practical programme of action the relevant provisions of the Declaration of the Summit Meeting of the Security Council of 31 January 1992, as appropriate; and (c) to being more action-oriented in assisting Member States."

2. Overall strategy

Paragraph 7.19
(new para. 7.20)

Delete the last sentence.

B. Subprogrammes

SUBPROGRAMME 1. DELIBERATION AND NEGOTIATION

Paragraph 7.24
(new para. 7.25)

At the end of subparagraph (f), replace "Department of Conference Services" with "Office of Conference Services of the Department of Administration and Management".

Notes

Footnote 2

Replace footnote 2 with the following:

"The primary responsibility for the servicing of and providing substantive support for the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean rests with the Department of Political Affairs."